

DURING the gang-busting 1930's, J. Edgar Hoover became "Mr. FBI."

Through the years, the FBI was shaped in the image of this man's ideas and ideals. No other agency in the federal government bears the imprint of a single personality as clearly as the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Hoover is the FBI. But his position of strength—and the strength of the FBI—isn't merely a matter of one man's personality. The real secret lies in the fact that Hoover has around him a group of top-flight executives who climbed from the ranks of the FBI's special agents. They came up the hard way, by merit and not as somebody's political pets. Hoover trusted them to make decisions. In turn, these men have repaid the trust with loyalty and fierce pride in the FBI. They accept without question the FBI policy of anonymity. Their names are not widely known beyond the doors of the FBI's Headquarters. And yet they hold in their hands much of the responsibility for the nation's safety.

This inner circle is composed of nine men of whom Hoover has said, "You can't buy the kind of energy and devotion they have given to the FBI."

Hoover's top lieutenants gather each Monday and Wednesday and if need be each weekday at 10:30 A.M. in what is known as "the FBI Executives Conference." The presiding officer is Clyde A. Tolson, who came to the Bureau on April 2, 1928.

*Page 119 of "The FBI Story,
A Report to the People" by
Don Whitehead*

ENCLOSURE

Tolson is "the man who came to dinner" at the FBI. He intended to stay just long enough to get a little experience and enough money to start practicing law at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he had gone to business school. Tolson stated his short-term views on the FBI job in his application, causing a stir in the Chief Clerk's Office, which had grown accustomed to having applicants describe their ambitions for a lifelong career in the organization. The unusual letter found its way to Hoover.

"Hire him, if he measures up after the examination and investigation," Hoover said. "He will make us a good man."¹

Several months after joining the FBI as a special agent, Tolson was brought to Headquarters as Chief Clerk, and then he moved up fast. He became an Assistant Director in 1931 and five years later he was named Assistant to the Director. In 1947, Hoover gave him the title of Associate Director—formal recognition that Tolson was the Number 2 G-Man.

Tolson, like Hoover, is a bachelor. The two men have become such close friends over the years that their intimates say they have even reached the point where they think alike. Tolson carries much of the administrative load which Hoover handled himself for many years, and serves in effect as Hoover's chief of staff.

The third man in the line of command is Louis B. Nichols, who handles a tremendous number of chores for the Director in addition to running the Records and Communications Division and representing the FBI in matters not handled personally by Hoover. Nichols is an Assistant to the Director, a title also held by the Number 4 man, Leland V. Boardman.²

Below Tolson, Nichols and Boardman, there are six assistant directors who are the operating chiefs of the Identification, Training and Inspection, Administrative, Domestic Intelligence, Investigative and Laboratory Divisions.³

These men did not reach their positions by being yes-men. They arrived by being willing to accept hard work, make decisions and take on responsibilities while submerging their own personalities in the FBI. They push themselves harder than they do their subordinates. It isn't unusual for them to work twelve or even fifteen hours a day. They do it because there is work to be done—and their work comes first.

In the conference room, each executive is expected to say what he thinks, whether the problem deals with his own work or the work of someone else. But he had better be ready to defend the position he takes, and have his reasons ready. These are strong-willed men and there are, at times, clashes of opinion. In questions of basic policy or

in dealing with grave issues, the conference passes the decision on up to Hoover, but always with a recommendation as to what course should be followed. If there is disagreement, an alternative recommendation is also made. And then the decision is up to Hoover.

But when these men walk out of the conference room, they walk out as a team. The decisions have been made and each man knows where he is going and what he is to do. Their shoulder-to-shoulder teamwork is one of the keys to the FBI's reputation for unity and efficiency.

None of these men seems to see anything unusual in accepting anonymity as a part of the job. Any one, or all of them, could leave the organization and go into private industry at a large increase in salary. But they stick to the FBI.

Tolson once explained it this way: "I think most of them stay for the same reason I do. You get something out of working for the FBI that is more important than a pay check."

Another key to the FBI's efficiency is the exacting attention that is paid to small details. A typist who makes a mistake in a word or a number, and anyone else who overlooks the error, has done a sloppy job. Mistakes are never disregarded.

The effort to achieve accuracy in work details is time-consuming and might even be regarded in private industry as a waste of time and energy. But to the FBI, this effort is the essence of doing the job properly. Tolson said: "Precision is the cardinal virtue of an investigating agency. Many a criminal has been convicted, and many an innocent person absolved, because somebody took pains to be accurate about an 'unimportant little fact.' "

*Excerpt from page 121 of
"The FBI Story, A Report
to the People" by Don*

¹ Tolson, fifty-six, born in Laredo, Missouri, came to Washington, at eighteen, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to work as a clerk in the War Department. At nineteen, he was handling routine correspondence for Secretary of War Newton D. Baker. Tolson thought Baker was one of the most brilliant men he ever knew. He once told a friend; "If Baker had been two inches taller, I believe he would have been President of the United States." Baker thought so highly of Tolson he made him his confidential secretary, and for eight years Tolson worked also as confidential secretary to Secretaries of War John Weeks and Dwight Davis. During this time he attended night school at The George Washington University, getting an A.B. degree in 1925 and a law degree in 1927.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: Clyde A. TolsonWhere Assigned: Director's Office
(Division) _____
(Section, Unit) _____Official Position Title: Associate DirectorRating Period: from April 1, 1956 to March 31, 1957ADJECTIVE RATING: OUTSTANDING Employee's Initials _____
Outstanding, Excellent, Satisfactory, UnsatisfactoryRated by: C. A. Tolson Director 3/31/57
Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____Reviewed by: C. A. Tolson Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____Rating Approved by: C. A. Tolson Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

TYPE OF REPORT

 Official Annual

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CLYDE A. TOLSON
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
ENTERED ON DUTY 4/2/28
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Tolson earned Outstanding performance ratings for the periods April 1, 1954, through March 31, 1955, and again for the same period in 1955 and 1956. Since then his services have continued at the highest possible level of efficiency and most assuredly he again deserves the rating of Outstanding for the annual rating period from April 1, 1956, through March 31, 1957.

Justification in Support Follows:

The responsibilities of the Bureau have continued to increase during the last year resulting in the assumption of even greater burdens by the top-level executive staff. Mr. Tolson, as Associate Director, has had to shoulder a major share of the increased responsibilities. He has done this in an extraordinarily efficient manner. His judicious handling of his multiple executive duties in directing top-level policy and operations at both the Seat of Government and in the field has been outstanding and has relieved me as Director so that I might concentrate on those responsibilities not susceptible of delegation. Mr. Tolson has meticulously supervised our budget and has tirelessly and constantly directed our planning to insure maximum economy with the highest degree of efficiency. The continuing acuteness of the international situation has meant an even greater increase in the Bureau's responsibilities in the security field thus increasing the Bureau's over-all work load. New legislation and additional programs of the executive branch have also resulted in the necessary assumption of additional obligations by the Bureau. Mr. Tolson has been primarily responsible for the continuous smooth functioning of the Bureau notwithstanding these additional responsibilities. During the past year continued success has been enjoyed by the Bureau in solving cases of national implication such as the Kidnapping case involving the infant Weinberger child, the arrest of Jack and Myra Soble and Jacob Albam, espionage subjects, and the Obstruction of Justice case in which Victor Riesel was the victim. All of these cases had tremendous ramifications and required adroit top-level planning, supervision and direction from headquarters in Washington. Mr. Tolson played a vital part in the successful solution of each of these cases.

The quality of Mr. Tolson's services during the rating period has even surpassed the high calibre of his services of past years. This is attributable to the additional experience he has gained during his 29 years of Bureau service in top-level executive, supervisory and administrative positions. His value to the Bureau, to the Department and to the entire Government service cannot be measured; however, it can be unequivocally stated that the success realized by the Bureau over the years is due to a substantial degree to the superior capabilities, the selfless devotion to duty and the unerring judgment and acumen displayed by Mr. Tolson in every aspect of his work. His contributions to the efficient functioning of the Bureau cannot be overemphasized. Without the benefit of his keen perception, vast knowledge of the Bureau and its responsibilities, and his self-sacrificing loyalty to his career, the organization would truly suffer. It is a pleasure to recognize his splendid performance by rating it OUTSTANDING.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LEONARD *acl*

DATE: February 21, 1957

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: MR. TOLSON'S WITHHOLDING
TAX DEDUCTIONS (1957)*C.A. Tolson*

Mr. Tolson has instructed me to arrange for the following deductions to be made from his biweekly salary checks, beginning with the check to be received by him on March 8, 1957:

Deductions: Biweekly Salary ChecksMarch 8, 1957

Federal Tax	\$271.36
D. C. Tax	23.67
Retirement	50.00
Insurance	5.00
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>\$350.03</u>

Gross Salary	\$769.23
Total Deductions (above)	<u>350.03</u>
NET TAKE-HOME PAY	<u>\$419.20</u>

The foregoing will confirm telephonic instructions from Mr. Gunsser today to comply with Mr. Tolson's instructions.

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J.P. Mohr
9 524-353

THIS WILL BE DONE

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J.P. Mohr

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January 31, 1957

PERSONAL

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

I want to take this occasion to express to you not only my personal appreciation, but my official commendation for the excellent manner in which the material was prepared for my use in my appearance before the Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

I know the long hours and effort which this entailed upon your part, and, had it not been for your dedicated attitude in the preparation of the material, I would have been faced with an insurmountable problem to become properly prepared for the hearings.

It is again another instance of your loyalty and devotion to the FBI and to me as its Director.

Sincerely,

E. J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: November 1, 1956

FROM : / Clyde Tolson

SUBJECT: REINSTATEMENTS

In response to your inquiry, please be advised that in the past I have forwarded to you, with recommendations, requests for reinstatements of Special Agents. I have personally passed upon requests for reinstatements of former clerical employees which are many.

If you desire, I will be very glad in the future to send all requests for reinstatements on the part of clerical employees to your office.

cc - Mr. Mohr
Mr. Nease

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of policy I don't think
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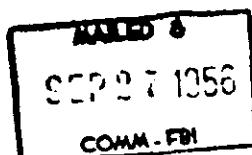
AIRMAIL

Mr. Gilbert Costa
Public Information
The Lighthouse
111 East 59th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Costa:

Your letter of September 25, 1956, has been received, and you may be sure it will be a pleasure to assist you in connection with the part of your article which pertains to Mr. Clyde Tolson, Associate Director of the FBI.

In this connection, I am enclosing a copy of an article by Louis Cassels from the December, 1954, issue of "Nation's Business" which contains considerable data of possible interest.



Enclosed

Described above

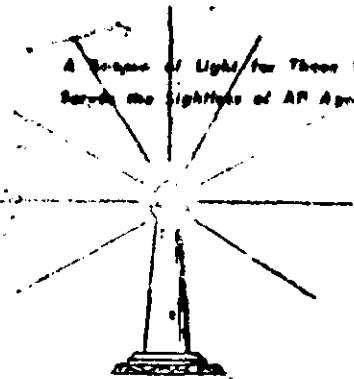
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Sept. 25, 1956

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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* Deceased.

I am writing an article in which I am devoting a small part to Mr. Clyde Tolson of your department. Frankly, all I have been able to find out about him is what I have read in Who's Who's and similar publications. Unfortunately this is not quite enough.

Therefore, upon the suggestion of your New York office I am sending along this request. Would you please furnish me with one or two anecdotes concerning Mr. Tolson---that would in no way encroach upon the privacy of the gentlemen or your organization. Some major case, perhaps, that he had a hand in. Or some occurrence that endeared him to you and the department, without, of course, embarrassing him.

May I further explain my position. Although I am a public information officer of the Lighthouse, I am also a free lance writer. For this particular story, I have been assigned by the editors of Pageant Magazine. In the November, 1955 issue of Argosy Magazine, I wrote an article on anti-Communist movements in Rumania. In a forthcoming issue of that same magazine (probably Dec. or Jan.) there will appear under my by-line a story on the methods used by the Russians to get defectors to redefect. In other words, I am a great believer in the F.B.I and C.I.A. and as such perhaps you will be persuaded to agree with my request for the anecdotes on Mr. Tolson.

Thank you for your cooperation. May I add that I need the material by the 2d of October to meet Pageant's deadline.

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JL. Cooperação fulha.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Very truly yours,

C. A. Tolson
Clyde A. Tolson

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August 1, 1956

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

It gives me great pleasure to advise you that your salary has been increased to \$20,000 per annum, effective July 1, 1956. This was made possible as a result of the Federal Executive Pay Act of 1956.

Sincerely,

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Pay adjustment covering Executive position of Mr. Tolson specifically provided for in Federal Executive Pay Act of 1956.

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April 18, 1956

Personal and Confidential

O
Mr. Clyde Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

I am certainly happy to let you know that you have been afforded an over-all rating of Outstanding covering your performance for the period April 1, 1955, to March 31, 1956, and that the Department has given its approval to this rating under the Attorney General's Performance Rating Plan. You are being furnished with a copy of the rating with this letter in accordance with the regulations pertaining to Outstanding ratings.

It is a real pleasure for me to again extend to you this recognition. Your exceptional services to the Bureau cannot be measured by monetary standards; however, I have approved a cash award for you in the amount of \$500.00 in view of the invaluable contributions you have continued to make to the carrying out of our heavy responsibilities. You will receive a check for this amount, less withholding tax, at an early date.

With best wishes and kind regards, 9 524-349

Sincerely,

151 J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Weston
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Wetherowd
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Mr. Whisman
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Based on memo Edwards to Mohr 4/18/56 CRD:mol

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BY Person(s) present
by Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: April 18, 1956

FROM : H. L. Edwards *H.L.*SUBJECT: CLYDE A. TOLSON
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING

Tolson	_____
Nichols	_____
Boardman	_____
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Reference is made to your memorandum to the Director dated April 5, 1956, in which it was pointed out that Mr. Tolson was given an OUTSTANDING performance rating for the period from April 1, 1955, through March 31, 1956. His rating was forwarded to the Department to be approved by the Efficiency Awards Committee, and after Departmental approval, Mr. Tolson was to be furnished with the copy of the rating. You also informed that when we received word from the Department of approval of the rating, an appropriate communication would be prepared to Mr. Tolson furnishing him with the copy as well as notification of the Director's approval of a \$500 Incentive Award for his outstanding performance.

By memorandum dated April 17, 1956, from Mr. Andretta the Director was advised that Mr. Tolson's OUTSTANDING performance rating had been approved and a copy of the justification should be furnished to him.

As you will recall, authority has been delegated to the Director by the Attorney General to approve cash awards to Bureau personnel in amounts up to and including \$500. Awards in excess of \$500 must still be referred to the Department for approval of the Committee on Awards. Under the approved table utilized in determining the amount of awards to be given under the Incentive Awards Program, it is felt that Mr. Tolson's services should be classified for the purposes of this award as of major value and broad application, which category justifies an award of from \$500 to \$725.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended

RECOMMENDED

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1) that Mr. Tolson be advised of the official approval of his OUTSTANDING performance rating and be furnished a copy of the rating in accordance with the Department's instructions.

H. L. Edwards

Enclosures

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RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

2) that Mr. Tolson be granted a cash award in the amount of \$500.00. If you approve, the letter to him and authorization for the award are attached.

W. Edwards

J. W. G.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 4/5/56

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: CLYDE A. TOLSON
 Associate Director
 OUTSTANDING ANNUAL PERFORMANCE RATING

Tolson _____
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 Harbo _____
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There is attached a memorandum dated April 5, 1956 to Mr. William P. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General, transmitting the annual performance rating on Mr. Tolson covering his services from April 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956, in which he is being given an adjective rating of OUTSTANDING by you.

Your signature is required on the original and the copy attached showing you as the Rating Official. After Departmental approval by the Efficiency Awards Committee of the Department, Mr. Tolson will be furnished with the copy of the rating.

When we receive word from the Department that the rating has been approved, an appropriate communication will be prepared to Mr. Tolson furnishing him with the copy as well as notification of your approval of a \$500 Incentive Award for his outstanding performance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that you as the Rating Official sign the original and copy of the OUTSTANDING efficiency rating for Mr. Tolson for the rating period ending March 31, 1956.

2. It is recommended that the attached memorandum go forward to Mr. Rogers transmitting the OUTSTANDING rating for final approval by the Efficiency Awards Committee of the Department.

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Enclosure *sent 4-5-56*

47 APR 25 1956

Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

April 5, 1956

Director, FBI

CLYDE A. TOLSON
Associate Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Outstanding Performance Rating

Transmitted herewith is an annual performance rating on Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, Associate Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, covering the period from April 1, 1955, to March 31, 1956, wherein he has been given an adjective rating of Outstanding.

In accordance with existing requirements, this rating is transmitted for final approval by the Efficiency Awards Committee of the Department. It will be appreciated if you will promptly advise me when this rating has been approved so that it can be considered official.

Enclosure

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Cover memo Mr. Mohr to the Director dated 4/5/56; JPM:DW

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
February 13, 1956

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name ESTATE Relationship _____ Date 2/13/56

Address _____

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in the line of duty.

Name ESTATE Relationship _____ Date 2/13/56

Address _____

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Very truly yours,

Clyde A. Jason
Special Agent

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Leardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Felt
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Nease
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : S. A. Andretta
Administrative Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT:

DATE: April 17, 1956
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This refers to your memorandum of April 5, 1956, transmitting an "Outstanding" performance rating for Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, covering the period April 1, 1955 through March 31, 1956.

The rating has been approved and in accordance with the Department's performance rating plan a copy of the justification should be furnished Mr. Tolson.

Memo Edwards to Moke
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Letter & authorization
for cash award
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J. W. H.

October 14, 1955

Mr. Joseph H. Lesh
Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesh:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of October 10, 1955, concerning the recent United States Attorneys Conference and your letter of October 11, 1955, regarding the report of the FBI for Fiscal Year 1955.

Rest assured that we in the FBI enjoyed assisting at the time of the Conference. I am advising Messrs. C. A. Tolson, L. B. Nichols, Alex Rosen, G. C. Gearty, and C. J. Moran of your generous remarks.

I am indeed pleased that you have found our report for the Fiscal Year 1955 both interesting and instructive.

Sincerely yours,

✓cc - Personnel File of Mr. Tolson, with copy of incoming-10/10/55
cc - Personnel File of Mr. Nichols, with copy of incoming 10/10/55
cc - Personnel File of Mr. Rosen, with copy of incoming 10/10/55
cc - Personnel File of Mr. Gearty, with copy of incoming 10/10/55
cc - Personnel File of Mr. Moran, with copy of incoming 10/10/55
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cc - Mr. Moran, with copy of incoming - 10/10/55



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. MOHR *Offm*

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON *O*

SUBJECT:

DATE: 7/25/56

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Mehr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

For record purposes, you are advised that as of
August 1, 1956, my address will be changed to Apartment 1316,
4000 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington 16, D. C.

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S. L. B. 7/25/56
N. Jones

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NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION
7-31-56

1. NAME (MR.-MISS-MRS.-FIRST-MIDDLE INITIAL-LAST)	2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO.	4. DATE
MR. CLYDE A. TOLSON	00002	F. B. I. 2977	7-31-56

This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:

5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY)	6. EFFECTIVE DATE	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
PAY ADJUSTMENT	7-1-56	EXCEPTED BY LAW

FROM	TO
Associate Director \$17,500 per annum	Associate Director \$20,000 per annum
ASSOC. Director's Office D. C.	10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS 11. HEADQUARTERS Same Same

FIELD	D	DEPARTMENTAL	12. FIELD OR DEPT'L	FIELD	D	DEPARTMENTAL
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13. VETERAN'S PREFERENCE					14. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION			
NONE	WWII	OTHER	S.P.T.	10-POINT DISAB. OTHER	NEW	VICE	I. A.	REAL.
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15. SEX	16. RACE	17. APPROPRIATION S. & E., F B I				18. SUBJECT TO C. S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES-NO)	19. DATE OF APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS (ACCESSIONS ONLY)	20. LEGAL RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMED <input type="checkbox"/> PROVED STATE:
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APPROVED <i>J. E. DeLoover</i>	DIRECTOR, F. B. I. <i>C</i>
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REMARKS:

This action is being taken in accordance with Federal Executive Pay Act of 1956. (Public Law #854, approved 7-31-56)

1. PERSONNEL FILE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: CLYDE A. TOLSON

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Where Assigned: _____
(Division) _____ (Section, Unit) _____

Payroll Title: Associate Director

Rating Period: from April 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956

ADJECTIVE RATING: OUTSTANDING Employee's Initials _____
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory _____

Rated by: J. Edgar Hoover Director 3/31/56
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: _____ Signature Title Date

Rating approved by: _____ Signature Title Date

TYPE OF REPORT

Official
 Annual

Administrative
 60-day
 Transfer
 Separation from service
 Special

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E. J. Tolson

CLYDE A. TOLSON
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
EOD 4/2/28
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

For the annual rating period from 4/1/54 through 3/31/55 Mr. Tolson was rated OUTSTANDING. He has continued to occupy the same position and because his work performance has continued at an equal or even higher level of efficiency, he again deserves the rating of OUTSTANDING for the annual rating period from 4/1/55 through 3/31/56.

Justification in support follows:

There have been substantial increases in responsibilities without any increase in the top-level executive staff. Efficient handling of these additional burdens has been possible largely through the outstanding efficiency and extraordinary effort and judgment of Mr. Tolson as Associate Director, including much sacrifice of personal time and foregoing of leave, plus constant planning in the interest of maximum efficiency and economy. Additional delegations of responsibilities to me as Director have necessitated increased reliance upon the Associate Director to administer many of the Bureau's top-level duties and responsibilities in order to relieve me for handling the essential items which cannot be delegated. Increases in our work load have come about through much new legislation, numerous new programs of the Executive Branch, and sustained increasing emphasis on security because of the acute international situation. All of these have created tremendous problems for the Associate Director, who has primary responsibility for top-level budget and personnel matters, training and inspection matters, as well as for screening top policy and procedures covering both the administrative and investigative phases of the Bureau's work. He also coordinates top policy direction of various service units of the Bureau including the Records and Communications Division, the Identification Division and the technical laboratory.

Mr. Tolson's outstanding performance is attributable to a combination of his 28 years of Bureau experience, most of which has been in top-level executive, supervisory and administrative capacities; his extraordinary personal qualifications of perception, judgment, keen understanding, and great interest in public service and the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; his selfless devotion and loyalty to his official duties and responsibilities; and his complete awareness of all pending problems, both actual and potential. It is impossible to estimate the value of his services in terms of replacement.

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RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

5/1/56

I certify that I have received the following Government property for official use:
~~Xxxxxxxxxxx~~

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PASS #2

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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge
is charged to you and you are responsible for taking
care of it and returning it when its use has been
completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MUTILATE
IT IN ANY WAY.

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Very truly yours,

Assoc. Director C. A. Tolson

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 10, 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

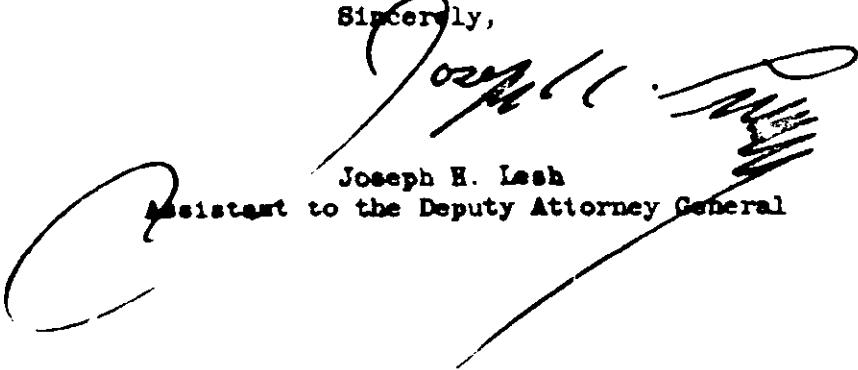
Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want you to know how much I appreciated the very fine help that was given to us by the FBI during our United States Attorneys Conference last week. In particular, I would like to single out Mr. Tolson, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Rosen, Mr. Gearty and Mr. Moran.

I enjoyed seeing you at the Reception but I was sorry that we could not have had a little more of a visit.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,


Joseph H. Lash
Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
S. A. Andretta
S. A. Andretta Assistant Attorney General

April 22, 1955
A-8

This refers to your memorandum of April 13, 1955 transmitting an "Outstanding" performance rating for Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, covering the period April 1, 1954 through March 31, 1955 for approval.

The rating has been approved and in accordance with the Department's performance rating plan a copy of the justification should be furnished Mr. Tolson.

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Per instructions from
Dept. this memo and
attached material to be
attached to Bureau personnel
file of Mr. Tolson. 5/13/55
J. J. O'Dwyer

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Committee on Awards

DATE: April 14, 1955
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FROM : S. A. Andretta
Secretary, Committee on Awards

SUBJECT:

There is attached a recommendation from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with the report of performance rating and detailed justification for a rating of "Outstanding" for Mr. Clyde A. Tolson of the Bureau.

The recommendation is submitted for your consideration in accordance with the performance rating plan approved for the Department which requires that all recommendations for "Outstanding" ratings must be approved by the Committee on Awards.

Approved:

William P. Rogers
William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

John V. Lindsay
John V. Lindsay
Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

J. Edgar Hoover
J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. S. A. Andretta DATE: April 13, 1955
Administrative Assistant Attorney General

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: CLYDE A. TOLSON
Associate Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Outstanding Performance Rating

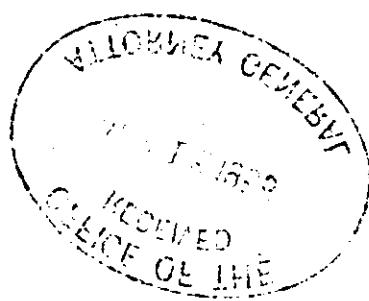
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Transmitted herewith is an annual performance rating on Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, Associate Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, covering the period from April 1, 1954, to March 31, 1955, wherein he has been afforded an adjective rating of Outstanding.

In accordance with existing requirements, this rating is transmitted for final approval by the Efficiency Awards Committee of the Department. It will be appreciated if you will promptly advise me when this rating has been approved so that it can be considered official.

Enclosure



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: CLYDE A. TOLSON

Where Assigned: DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
(Division) _____ (Section, Unit)

Payroll Title: Associate Director

Rating Period: from April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955

ADJECTIVE RATING: OUTSTANDING Employee's Initials _____
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

Rated by: J. Edgar Hoover Director 3/31/55
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: _____
Signature Title Date

Rating approved by: _____
Signature Title Date

TYPE OF REPORT

Official
 Annual

Administrative
 60-day
 Transfer
 Separation from service
 Special

CLYDE A. TOLSON
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
EOD 4-2-28
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

During the previous rating period the performance of Mr. Tolson was rated outstanding and he has continued to perform his duties as Associate Director during the present rating period on the same high plane. His performance in every phase of the duties assigned to him has been particularly outstanding.

(A) As Associate Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Tolson has primary responsibility for determining the needs of the Bureau from a budget standpoint. He has carefully analyzed the various operations of the Bureau in determining the budget limits to be set for these operations. He has consistently displayed an outstanding knowledge and understanding of the Bureau's budget matters.

(B) As Associate Director, he also has primary responsibility for the proper distribution and assignment of personnel. As a result of his exceptional knowledge of the work to be performed in the various field divisions and at the Seat of Government he has been able to assign personnel where their services are most needed. He has also fulfilled his responsibility of assigning executive personnel both at the Seat of Government and in the field in an outstanding manner. This has been possible through his exceptional knowledge of Bureau personnel as well as the needs of the service from a personnel standpoint.

(C) As Associate Director, it is his responsibility to supervise and oversee the Bureau's training and inspection programs. He possesses a keen insight into the Bureau's needs with the result that he has been able to materially assist in the improvement of our inspection and training programs. He has been able to analyze facts presented to him in such a manner that weaknesses and strong points in the Bureau's service are quickly spotted, thereby permitting him to make appropriate recommendations regarding action to be taken. Invaluable streamlining procedures with resultant savings to the Bureau have resulted from his outstanding knowledge of the Bureau's operations.

(D) As Associate Director, he has further responsibility for supervising various service units of the Bureau such as the Records and

Communications Division, the Identification Division, and the Technical Laboratory. Even though his other duties have been particularly heavy he has followed closely on developments in these divisions. His superior knowledge of the work and responsibilities of each division has made it possible for him to render extremely valuable assistance in the handling of the work in these divisions.

(E) As Associate Director, he passes on Bureau policy and procedures of the investigative division as well as the administrative and service divisions. He has consistently sought opportunities for improving the Bureau's investigative procedures and techniques and has been able to render invaluable assistance to the Bureau's investigative staff. His ability to analyze facts pertaining to criminal, civil, and internal security investigative matters has been particularly outstanding and he has been able to render prompt decisions and issue instructions concerning such matters in a concise manner. His assistance in these fields has been exemplary and deserving of special recognition.

Throughout the rating period, Mr. Tolson has performed many hours of voluntary overtime service without regard for his personal convenience. He is depended upon by me for valuable assistance at all times.

I rate him outstanding in all phases of his activities.

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Clyde H. Tolson 4/4/56

RPM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Last year Mr. Tolson was rated OUTSTANDING on his annual efficiency report and in accordance with the regulations under the Incentive Awards Program, he was given a \$500 cash award.

OUTSTANDING efficiency ratings must be approved by the Department and the employee is furnished a copy of such a rating. Under the Incentive Awards Program, an OUTSTANDING rating would be tantamount to sustained work performance meriting an incentive award.

If you desire, we will again prepare the necessary justification for an OUTSTANDING rating for Mr. Tolson and upon its approval by the Department, the necessary justification for an incentive award for \$500 will be prepared. An award of \$500 is the maximum award which you may approve for an employee in the Bureau. Anything in excess of that would require the Attorney General's approval.

J. P. Mohr

J. P. MOHR

Yes by all means.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
 FROM : S. A. Andretta
 Administrative Assistant Attorney General
 SUBJECT:

DATE: April 22, 1955

Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sizer
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Hellerman
Miss Gandy

✓ N. L. Edwards

This refers to your memorandum of April 13, 1955 transmitting an "Outstanding" performance rating for Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, covering the period April 1, 1954 through March 31, 1955 for approval.

The rating has been approved and in accordance with the Department's performance rating plan a copy of the justification should be furnished Mr. Tolson.

18 MAY 19 1955

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memo from C. P. Mohr
 to Director
 8pm - Date 4-24-55

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: April 28, 1955

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: CLYDE A. TOLSON
 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
 OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING

Tolson _____
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You will recall Mr. Tolson received an Outstanding performance rating covering his services from April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955 and on April 13, 1955 the rating was transmitted to the Department for the approval of the Committee on Awards. This action was in accordance with the Attorney General's Performance Rating Plan.

In a memorandum from Mr. S. A. Andretta, Administrative Assistant Attorney General, dated April 22, 1955 the Bureau was advised that Mr. Tolson's rating had been approved and that a copy of the rating should be made available to him.

Mr. Tolson in being rated outstanding on each and every aspect of his performance over a one-year period has met one of the standards for a cash award under the new Incentive Awards Program. Based on an evaluation of Mr. Tolson's services as of major value and general application to the Bureau's work he would be entitled to a cash award of from \$725 to \$1000. In this connection you will recall that authority has been delegated to you by the Attorney General to approve cash awards to Bureau personnel in amounts up to and including \$500. Awards in excess of \$500 must still be referred to the Department for approval of the Committee on Awards.

Although Mr. Tolson received an Outstanding performance rating last year he was not recommended to receive a meritorious salary increase since the legislation governing such increases was limited to classified employees. The new program covers all employees and officials of the Bureau regardless of grade and salary and there appears to be no reason why his services should not be recognized in the form of a cash award.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended:

(1) That Mr. Tolson be advised of the official approval of his Outstanding performance rating and be furnished a copy of the rating in accordance with the Department's instructions.

Mr. Tolson
Letter to Mr. Tolson
4/29/55
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OK'd.

(2) That Mr. Tolson be granted a cash award in the amount of \$500 with his services being classified for purposes of this award as of major value and broad application which category justifies an award of from \$500 to \$725. The granting of an award in this amount would not require departmental approval.

D. Brinker

OK.
H.

Authority for
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ZGI/JW

April 29, 1955

Personal and Confidential

O
Mr. Clyde Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

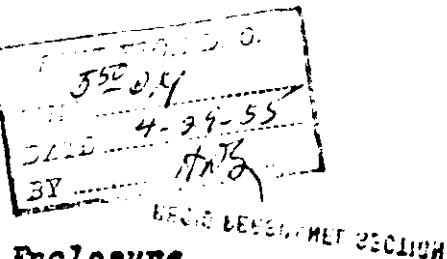
Dear Clyde:

It is indeed a pleasure to advise you that your performance during the period from April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955, has been rated Outstanding and this rating has been approved by the Department under the provisions of the Attorney General's Performance Rating Plan. I am enclosing a copy of the rating for your personal file in accordance with the regulations pertaining to Outstanding ratings.

I am happy to be able to advise you of this recognition of your invaluable services to me and to the Bureau during the past year. As a further token of appreciation for your exemplary performance, I have approved a cash award for you in the amount of \$500.00 and a check for this amount, less withholding tax, will be forwarded to you in the near future.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,



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Based on memo from Mr. Mohr to the Director 4/28/55
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: CLYDE A. TOLSON

Where Assigned: DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
(Division) _____ (Section, Unit)

Payroll Title: Associate Director

Rating Period: from April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955

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Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

Rated by: J. Edgar Hoover Director 3/31/55
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: _____ Title _____ Date _____

Rating approved by: J. D. Mohr Assistant Director MAY 16 1955
Signature Title Date

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53 MAY 17 1955

CLYDE A. TOLSON
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
EOD 4-2-28
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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FD-253 (11-22-54)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 3, 1955

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name ESTATE Relationship _____ Date 5/3/55

Address _____

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in the line of duty.

Name ESTATE Relationship _____ Date 5/3/55

Address _____

MAY 4 1955

Very truly yours,

Clyde A. Tolson
Special Agent

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 4/12/55

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: CLYDE A. TOLSON
Associate Director
Outstanding Performance

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H. L. Edwards

There is attached for transmittal to the Department an annual performance rating on Mr. Tolson covering his services from April 1, 1954, to March 31, 1955, in which he was afforded an adjective rating of Outstanding by the Director. This procedure is in accordance with the Attorney General's performance rating plan, which provides that all Outstanding ratings be approved by the Efficiency Awards Committee of the Department before they become official.

Appropriate copies of the report have been made for retention in the Bureau's files.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached performance rating on Mr. Tolson be transmitted to the Department for approval. A letter of transmittal is attached for use if this recommendation is approved.

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*Mr. S. A. Andretta
Administrative Assistant Attorney General*

April 13, 1955

Director, FBI

CLYDE A. TOLSON
Associate Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Outstanding Performance Rating

Transmitted herewith is an annual performance rating on Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, Associate Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, covering the period from April 1, 1954, to March 31, 1955, wherein he has been afforded an adjective rating of Outstanding.

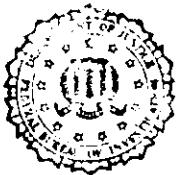
In accordance with existing requirements, this rating is transmitted for final approval by the Efficiency Awards Committee of the Department. It will be appreciated if you will promptly advise me when this rating has been approved so that it can be considered official.

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Based on memo to Mohr from Edwards dated 4/12/55. EJL:alh

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dallas 2, Texas

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

March 30, 1955

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The agents assigned Dallas join me in expressing deep appreciation to you, Mr. Tolson, and Mr. Mohr for your able presentation of the request for supplemental appropriation to cover the Fringe Benefits funds for agent personnel for the period April 1 to June 30, 1955.

All of us recognize the prompt and energetic action taken by you to insure that the agent personnel of the Bureau are recognized in such a material way under the provisions of this statute. —

Respectfully,

W. A. MURPHY
Special Agent in Charge

WAM:J'B

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FBI Directors' Aide Avoids Public Notice; One of Busiest in Service

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 — One ever's personal consideration. of the more important persons. Tolson first entered the gov- as far as domestic security is concerned service as a War De- concerned. in this city of "big apartment clerk in 1918, three names" is a man little known to years after he was graduated the public. from Laredo, Mo., high school.

Clyde A. Tolson, 53, Missouri. Two years later, he was made born bachelor, likes it that way, confidential secretary to the Sec-

For years, he has been top aide to FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover. He served as confidential secretary to Secretaries Since 1947, he has borne the title of associate director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The job he holds is even more important than the title.

MUTUALLY RESPECTED

Although a constant companion of his boss, Tolson has deliberately managed to avoid publicity and public notice. Retiring and reserved, he prefers to remain in the background. While in law school, Tolson met Hoover, who had been appointed FBI director a few years previously. Each impressed the other. Their mutual respect decided Tolson's fate. In 1928, he

BUSIEST OF MEN

Yet he is one of the busiest. He first was assigned to the and most active men in the gov- FBI's Boston office, then was ernment. As the FBI's top exe- transferred to Washington head- cutive officer, he supervises the quarters where he was promoted day-to-day nation-wide activities to inspector in 1929 and to as- of the G-men and serves as chair- sistant FBI director in 1930. man of the FBI executives con- Hoover assigned Tolson to ac- ference which submits major company him on special mis- policy recommendations for Hoo- sions. Tolson accompanied Hoo-

ver on his arrest of some of the most dangerous kidnappers and bank-robbers of the 1930's.

Tolson was made assistant to Hoover in 1923. In 1942, he and Hoover supervised the FBI's round-up of Roger Touhy and his gang, the notorious Detroit kidnappers who escaped from an Illinois penitentiary.

Four years later, Tolson was named the FBI's associate director a title unique in the FBI's history. His associates say he

has a photographic memory, sound judgment and the ability to go directly to the heart of the problem.

Tolson has received many accolades, but, in FBI circles, the most coveted is this tribute by Hoover:

"I regard him as my strong right arm."

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Peoples Daily World
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Santa Ana Register
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October 28, 1954

Mr. Louis W. Cassels
6815 Wahly Drive
Bethesda, Maryland

Clyde Tolson

Dear Mr. Cassels:

I thought it was very kind of you to let us see the profile you prepared on Mr. Tolson for a forthcoming issue of Nation's Business Magazine.

From an investigative standpoint, I must say you did a most creditable job in the short period of time which was allotted to you and I thoroughly concur with the many fine things you have to say about Mr. Tolson. He has been my strong right arm and has contributed so much to the development of the Bureau.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

/s/J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR
FROM : CLYDE TOLSON
SUBJECT: FEDERAL EMPLOYEES GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

DATE: 9/6/54

I wish to hereby designate my estate as my beneficiary on the recently issued Federal Employees Group Life Insurance policy.

CT:DSS

Clyde Tolson

Witnesses:

J. P. Mohr
858 S. Dwyer St.
Arlington, Va.

M. McCallahan
1301 Buchanan St., N.E.
Washington 17, D.C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : Mr. Kohr

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POSITION CLASSIFICATION MATTERS
AUTHORITY TO SIGN JOB DESCRIPTI

DATE: July 2, 1954

FROM : Mr. Kahr *L. L. Johnson*
SUBJECT: POSITION CLASSIFICATION MATTERS *509* **AUTHORITY TO SIGN JOB DESCRIPTION SHEETS** *Conlon*

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Miss Goss

In reply to your inquiry as to whether authority exists for you to sign job description sheets as Associate Director in lieu of the existing practice of having such sheets signed by the Director you are advised that such authority does not exist because the Attorney General's order of December 27, 1951, which delegated authority to classify positions to the Bureau expressly stated that "the above delegation of authority is made to you personally as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation". I do not feel that any effort should be made at this time to secure an additional authorization from the Attorney General permitting the Associate Director to sign these job sheets. For ready reference I am attaching a photostatic copy of the Attorney General's order in question.

I do suggest, however, that instead of having these job descriptions sent to the Director for signature as is presently being done, that we revert to the former practice of having them signed in the reading room after approval in your office.

I therefore recommend that the suggested change be authorized immediately after which arrangements will be made to return to the former practice of having job descriptions signed in the reading room.

I agree

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

December 27, 1951

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Supplement No. _____

MEMORANDUM TO MR. HOOVER

DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Per your request for delegation of authority to handle appointments to all positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, classification of positions and auditing your own vouchers, please be advised that I am delegating the authority to you to appoint all personnel, with the exception of Assistant Directors, which appointments will continue to be cleared through this office. The authority is also given to you to handle all classifications of positions to grades provided by the Classification Act of 1949, insofar as such authority has been delegated to the Department of Justice pursuant to the provisions of said Act.

The functions of the auditing of the Federal Bureau of Investigation vouchers and the maintenance of general ledger accounts covering the Federal Bureau of Investigation's appropriations, heretofore performed by the Administrative Division of the Department, are hereby transferred to you. It will be appreciated if any of the present personnel assigned to the audit section could be given consideration for appointment with the Bureau.

The above delegation of authority is made to you personally as the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Memo to Gaddis
re: 2 1/3/s.

J. Howard McGrath
Attorney General

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June 9, 1954

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Clyde Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I advise you that you have been given an Outstanding performance rating for the period April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954.

I am happy to advise you that the Department in conformance with their performance rating plan has approved this Outstanding rating, which you justly deserve. In accordance with the regulations, there is enclosed a copy of the justification for your personal file.

I am very happy to make this copy available to you and to again express to you my appreciation for the fine service which you have rendered to the Bureau not only during the past rating year but for many years previously.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

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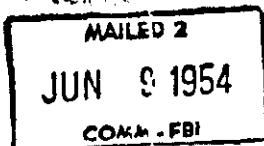
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : S. A. Andretta
 Administrative Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Performance rating of Mr. Clyde A. Tolson

DATE: June 7, 1954

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Stroo
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

This refers to your memorandum of May 17, 1954 transmitting an "outstanding" performance rating for Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, covering the period April 1, 1953 through March 31, 1954 for approval.

The rating has been approved and in accordance with the Department's performance rating plan a copy of the justification should be furnished Mr. Tolson.

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Refer to
 Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Belmont

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: Tolson, Clyde A.

Where Assigned: Director's Office
(Division) _____ (Section, Unit)

Payroll Title: Associate Director

Rating Period: from 4-1-53 to 3-31-54

ADJECTIVE RATING: Outstanding _____ Employee's Initials
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

Rated by: J. Edgar Hoover _____ Director _____ 3-31-54
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: _____ Signature Title Date

Rating approved by: _____ Signature Title Date

TYPE OF REPORT

Official
 Annual

Administrative
 60-day
 Transfer
 Separation from service
 Special

3/31/54

CLYDE A. TOLSON
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
EOD 4-2-28
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

During the rating period Mr. Tolson has continued to perform his duties as Associate Director in an exceptionally outstanding manner. His performance in every phase of the duties assigned to him has been particularly outstanding.

(A) As Associate Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Tolson has primary responsibility for proper evaluation of the Bureau's needs budgetwise. He has carefully analyzed the various needs of the Bureau in determining budget limits to be set for the various activities of the Bureau. His understanding of the Bureau's budget needs has been particularly outstanding.

(B) As Associate Director, he also has primary responsibility for proper distribution and assignment of personnel. Through his knowledge of the work confronting the various Divisions at the Seat of Government and Divisions in the field he has been able to assign personnel where their services are most needed. It is also his responsibility to assign executive personnel both at the Seat of Government and in the field. His knowledge of Bureau personnel and the needs of the service is such that his assignments have been outstanding.

(C) As Associate Director, it is his responsibility to supervise and oversee the Bureau's training and inspection programs. He possesses a keen insight to the Bureau's needs with the result that he has been able to materially assist in the improvement of our inspection and training programs. He has ability, through an analysis of the facts presented to him, to spot weaknesses as well as strong factors in the Bureau's service, and to make appropriate recommendations as to action to be taken. Due to his knowledge of the Bureau's operations and an analysis of the facts presented, he has been able to inaugurate streamlining procedures which have resulted in economizing in the Bureau's operations.

(D) As Associate Director, he has further responsibility for supervising various service units of the Bureau such as the Records and Communications Division, the Identification Division, and the Technical Laboratory. Even though his duties

have been particularly heavy he has kept himself abreast of developments in these Divisions. He has been able to be of tremendous assistance in the handling of the work in these Divisions as a result of his superior knowledge of the work and responsibilities of each Division.

(E) As Associate Director, he passes on Bureau policy and procedures, not only relating to administrative and service divisions of the Bureau but also those of the investigative divisions. He is continuously alert to opportunities to improve the Bureau's investigative procedures and techniques, resulting in his being able to render invaluable assistance to the Bureau's investigative staff. Mr. Tolson has a faculty to quickly analyze facts in investigative matters, whether they be of a criminal, civil, or internal security nature, and to render prompt decisions and issue instructions in a concise manner. His assistance in this particular phase of the Bureau's activities has been exceptionally noteworthy.

Throughout the rating period, as in past years, Mr. Tolson has rendered long hours of voluntary overtime service. He is depended upon by me for valuable assistance at all times.

I rate him outstanding in all phases of his activities.

Mr. S. A. Andretta
Administrative Assistant Attorney General

May 17, 1954

Director, FBI

CLYDE A. TOLSON
Associate Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Outstanding Performance Rating

Transmitted herewith is an annual performance rating on Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, Associate Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, covering the period from April 1, 1953, through March 31, 1954, wherein he has been afforded an adjective rating of "Outstanding."

In accordance with the existing requirements, this rating is transmitted for final approval by the Efficiency Awards Committee of the Department. It will be appreciated if you will promptly advise me when this rating has been approved so that it can be considered official.

Attachment

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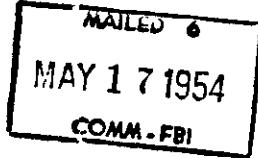
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

DATE: May 17, 1954

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: CLYDE A. TOLSON
Associate Director
Outstanding Performance

Tolson ✓
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 Holloman ✓
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There is attached for transmittal to the Department an annual performance rating on Mr. Tolson covering his services from April 1, 1953, to March 31, 1954, in which he was afforded an adjective rating of Outstanding by the Director. This procedure is in accordance with the Attorney General's performance rating plan, which provides that all outstanding ratings be approved by the Efficiency Awards Committee of the Department before they become official.

Appropriate copies of the report have been made for retention in the Bureau's files.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the attached performance rating on Mr. Tolson be transmitted to the Department for approval. A letter of transmittal is attached for use if this recommendation is approved.

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CERTIFICATE

CLYDE A. TOLSON
Name (Please type or print)

Office or Division

1. Are you now or have you ever been a member of, contributed to, affiliated or associated with, any organization listed on the attachment to this certificate?

NO

Answer "Yes" or "No"

2. If your answer is "Yes" state the name of the organization, dates of membership and extent of participation. An explanation regarding membership in any of these organizations may be attached hereto on a separate sheet of paper, if you desire to explain the circumstances of your membership.

Name Address From To Office Held

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above information is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I make this statement with the understanding that it will be used by the Department of Justice in carrying out the provisions of Executive Order 10450 and with knowledge that any false statement or omission of material fact may be sufficient cause for my dismissal or rejection of my application, and, further, may be cause for punishment as a violation of law including Section 1001, Title 18, U. S. Code.

April 12, 1954

(Date)

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Clyde A. Tolson
 ✓ (Usual Signature)

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March 23, 1954

ORGANIZATIONS DESIGNATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450.

Abraham Lincoln Brigade
Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Illinois
Action Committee to Free Spain Now
Alabama People's Educational Association (See Communist Political Association)
American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc.
American Branch of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions
American Christian Nationalist Party
American Committee for European Workers' Relief (See Socialist American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born Workers Party)
American Committee for the Settlement of Jews in Birobidjan, Ind.
American Committee for Spanish Freedom
American Committee to Survey Labor Conditions in Europe
American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.
American Council for a Democratic Greece, formerly known as the Greek American Council; Greek American Committee for National Unity
American Council on Soviet Relations
American Croatian Congress
American Jewish Labor Council
American League Against War and Fascism
American League for Peace and Democracy
American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association (also known as Amerikos Lietuviai Darbininku Literaturos Draugija)
American National Labor Party
American National Socialist League
American National Socialist Party
American Nationalist Party
American Patriots, Inc.
American Peace Crusade
American Peace Mobilization
American Poles for Peace
American Polish League
American Polish Labor Council
American Rescue Ship Mission (a project of the United American Spanish Aid Committee)
American-Russian Fraternal Society
American Russian Institute, New York, also known as the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union
American Russian Institute, Philadelphia
American Russian Institute of San Francisco
American Russian Institute of Southern California, Los Angeles

American Slav Congress
American Women for Peace
American Youth Congress
American Youth for Democracy
Armenian Progressive League of America
Associated Klans of America
Association of Georgia Klans
Association of German Nationals (Reichsdeutsche Vereinigung)
Association of Lithuanian Workers
(also known as Lietuvia Darbininku Susivienijimas)
Ausland-Organization der NSDAP, Overseas Branch of Nazi Party
Baltimore Forum
Black Dragon Society
Boston School for Marxist Studies, Boston, Massachusetts
Bulgarian American People's League of the United States of America
Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt Defense Committee
California Emergency Defense Committee
California Labor School, Inc., 321 Divisadero Street,
San Francisco, California
Carpatho-Russian People's Society
Central Council of American Women of Croatian Descent,
Also known as Central Council of American Croatian Women,
National Council of Croatian Women
Central Japanese Association (Beikoku Chuo Nipponjin Kai)
Central Japanese Association of Southern California
Central Organization of the German-American National Alliance (Deutsche-Amerikanische Einheitsfront)
Cervantes Fraternal Society
China Welfare Appeal, Inc.
Chopin Cultural Center
Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder
Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges
Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side (New York City)
Citizens Emergency Defense Conference
Citizens Protective League
Civil Rights Congress and its affiliated organizations,
including:
 Civil Rights Congress for Texas
 Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights
 Congress of New York
Columbians
Comite Coordinador Pro Republica Espanola
Committee to Aid the Fighting South
Committee for Constitutional and Political Freedom
Committee to Defend Marie Richardson
Committee for the Defense of the Pittsburgh Six
Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy
Committee for Nationalist Action
Committee for the Negro in the Arts
Committee for Peace and Brotherhood Festival in Philadelphia
Committee for the Protection of the Bill of Rights
Committee to Uphold the Bill of Rights

Committee for World Youth Friendship and Cultural Exchange
Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas

Communist Party, U. S. A., its subdivisions, subsidiaries
and affiliates.

Communist Political Association, its subdivisions, subsidiaries
and affiliates, including:

Alabama People's Educational Association

Florida Press and Educational League

Oklahoma League for Political Education

People's Educational and Press Association of Texas

Virginia League for People's Education

Congress of American Revolutionary Writers

Congress of American Women

Connecticut Committee to Aid Victims of the Smith Act

Connecticut State Youth Conference

Council on African Affairs

Council of Greek Americans

Council for Jobs, Relief and Housing

Council for Pan-American Democracy

Croatian Benevolent Fraternity

Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (Military Virtue Society of Japan

or Military Art Society of Japan)

Daily Worker Press Club

Daniels Defense Committee

Dante Alighieri Society (between 1935 and 1940)

Dennis Defense Committee

Detroit Youth Assembly

Emergency Conference to Save Spanish Refugees (founding
body of the North American Spanish Aid Committee)

Families of the Baltimore Smith Act Victims

Families of the Smith Act Victims

Federation of Italian War Veterans in the U. S. A., Inc.

(Associazione Nazionale Combattenti Italiani,

Federazione degli Stati Uniti d'America)

Finnish-American Mutual Aid Society

Florida Press and Educational League (See Communist
Political Association)

Frederick Douglass Educational Center

Freedom Stage, Inc.

Friends of the New Germany (Freunde des Neuen Deutschlands)

Friends of the Soviet Union

Garibaldi American Fraternal Society

George Washington Carver School, New York City

German-American Fund (Amerikadeutscher Volksbund)

German-American Republican League

German-American Vocational League (Deutsche-Amerikanische
Berufsgemeinschaft)

Harlem Trade Union Council

Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee

Heimuska Kai, also known as *Nokubei Heiki Gussha Kai*,
Zaibel Nihonjin, *Heiyaku Gimusha Kai*, and *Zaibei Heimusha Kai* (Japanese residing in America Military Conscripts Association)

Hellenic-American Brotherhood

Hinode Kai (Imperial Japanese Reservists)

Hinomaru Kai (Rising Sun Flag Society -- a group of Japanese War Veterans)

Hokubei Zaigo Shoke Dan (North American Reserve Officers Association)

Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense

Hungarian-American Council for Democracy

Hungarian Brotherhood

Independent Socialist League

Industrial Workers of the World

International Labor Defense

International Workers Order, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates

Japanese Association of America

Japanese Overseas Central Society (*Kaigai Dobo Chuo Kai*)

Japanese Overseas Convention, Tokyo, Japan, 1940

Japanese Protective Association (Recruiting Organization)

Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City

Jewish Culture Society

Jewish People's Committee

Jewish People's Fraternal Order

Jikyoku Iinkai (The Committee for the Crisis)

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

Joint Council of Progressive Italian-Americans, Inc.

Joseph Weydemeyer School of Social Science, St. Louis, Missouri

Kibei Seinen Kai (Association of U. S. Citizens of Japanese Ancestry who have returned to America after studying in Japan)

Knights of the White Camellia

Ku Klux Klan

Kyffhaeuser, also known as *Kyffhaeuser League* (*Kyffhaeuser Bund*), *Kyffhaeuser Fellowship* (*Kyffhaeuser Kameradschaft*)

Kyffhaeuser War Relief (*Kyffhaeuser Kriegshilfswerk*)

Labor Council for Negro Rights

Labor Research Association, Inc.

Labor Youth League

League of American Writers

Lictor Society (Italian Black Shirts)

Macedonian-American People's League

Mario Morgantini Circle

Maritime Labor Committee to Defend Al Lannon

Massachusetts Minute Women for Peace

Maurice Braverman Defense Committee

Michigan Civil Rights Federation
Michigan School of Social Science
Nanka Teikoku Gunyuuan (Imperial Military Friends Group or Southern California War Veterans)
National Association of Mexican Americans (also known as Asociacion Nacional Mexico-Americana)
National Blue Star Mothers of America (not to be confused with the Blue Star Mothers of America organized in February 1942)
National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners
National Committee for Freedom of the Press
National Committee to Win the Peace
National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East (a conference called by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy)
National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
National Federation for Constitutional Liberties
National Labor Conference for Peace
National Negro Congress
National Negro Labor Council
Nationalist Action League
Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico
Nature Friends of America (since 1935)
Negro Labor Victory Committee
New Committee for Publications
Nichibei Kogyo Kaisha (The Great Fujii Theatre)
North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy
North American Spanish Aid Committee
North Philadelphia Forum
Northwest Japanese Association
Ohio School of Social Sciences
Oklahoma Committee to Defend Political Prisoners
Oklahoma League for Political Education (See Communist Political Association)
Original Southern Klans, Incorporated
Pacific Northwest Labor School, Seattle, Washington
Palo Alto Peace Club
Partido del Pueblo of Panama (operating in the Canal Zone)
Peace Information Center
Peace Movement of Ethiopia
People's Drama, Inc.
People's Educational Association (Incorporated under name Los Angeles Educational Association, Inc.), also known as People's Educational Center, People's University, People's School
People's Educational and Press Association of Texas
People's Institute of Applied Religion
People's Radio Foundation, Inc.
Philadelphia Labor Committee for Negro Rights
Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art
Photo League (New York City)
Political Prisoners' Welfare Committee

Polonia Society of the IWO
Progressive German-Americans, also known as Progressive
German-Americans of Chicago
Proletarian Party of America
Protestant War Veterans of the United States, Inc.
Provisional Committee of Citizens for Peace, Southwest Area
Puertorriquenos Unidos (Puerto Ricans United)
Quad City Committee for Peace
Revolutionary Workers League
Romanian-American Fraternal Society
Russian American Society, Inc.
Sakura Kai (Patriotic Society, or Cherry Association--
composed of veterans of Russo-Japanese War)
Samuel Adams School, Boston, Massachusetts
Santa Barbara Peace Forum
Schappes Defense Committee
Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee
School of Jewish Studies, New York City
Seattle Labor School, Seattle, Washington
Serbian-American Fraternal Society
Serbian Vidoudan Council
Shinto Temples
Silver Shirt Legion of America
Slavic Council of Southern California
Slovak Workers Society
Slovenian-American National Council
Socialist Workers Party, including American Committee
for European Workers' Relief
Socialist Youth League
Sokoku Kai (Fatherland Society)
Southern Negro Youth Congress
Suiko Sha (Reserve Officers Association, Los Angeles)
Tom Paine School of Social Science, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Tom Paine School of Westchester, New York
Tri-State Negro Trade Union Council
Ukrainian-American Fraternal Union
Union of American Croatians
Union of New York Veterans
United American Spanish Aid Committee
United Committee of Jewish Societies and Landsmannschaft
Federations, also known as Coordination Committee of
Jewish Landsmannschaften and Fraternal Organizations
United Committee of South Slavic Americans
United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization
United May Day Committee
United Negro and Allied Veterans of America
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade

Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress
of New York (See Civil Rights Congress)
Virginia League for People's Education (See Communist
Political Association)
Voice of Freedom Committee
Walt Whitman School of Social Science, Newark, New Jersey
Washington Bookshop Association
Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights
Washington Committee for Democratic Action
Washington Commonwealth Federation
Washington Pension Union
Wisconsin Conference on Social Legislation
Workers Alliance (since April 1936)
Workers Party, including Socialist Youth League
Yiddisher Kultur Farband
Young Communist League
Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Inc.
Yugoslav Seamen's Club, Inc.

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS

1010 Federal Office Building
Omaha 2, Nebraska
February 19, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have learned that Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is presently considering awarding honorary degrees to you and Mr. Tolson at the Spring commencement exercises. This matter is in the initial stages and is to come up for final consideration in the near future. I do not know if the college is considering awarding other degrees at this time or not. I have not been advised of this matter officially by representatives of the college but learned of it from an individual who is friendly with a member of the Board of Trustees.

The above is for your information, and in the event that I receive any inquiry, I will suggest that any communications be directed to you and Mr. Tolson.

I am enclosing a brief outline concerning Coe College, which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

William N. William

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS
Special Agent in Charge

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CCE COLLEGE
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

President: Lowell Harris Brooks, B. A. (President since 1952)

Board of Trustees: Owen W. Elliott (1907), President
James E. Hamilton (1895), First Vice President
William B. Quarton, Second Vice President
Van Vechten Shaffer, Secretary
Roy L. Curley, Treasurer
H. J. Neese, Business Manager, Assistant Treasurer and
Assistant Secretary
Reese E. Latchaw (1947), Bursar and Assistant Business
Manager
Everett Obrecht (1931), Assistant Treasurer

Honorary Life Member: George Lair (1923), Retired, General Manager, Quaker Oats Company

HISTORY

Coe College was first organized in 1851 when Reverend Williston Jones opened a school in his own home for 16 Cedar Rapids young people. In 1853 Mr. W. C. Coe presented a gift of money to Reverend Jones to establish a permanent institution of learning in Cedar Rapids. The first building was erected in 1855 on an 18-acre tract of land which was purchased from the funds obtained from the gift of Coe.

Coe College was finally incorporated in 1871 and in 1919 absorbed Leander Clark and Western Colleges. Since 1907 the college has participated in the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Because of this relationship with the Carnegie Corporation, the college severed its ties with the Presbyterian Church in 1907 but has maintained an informal affiliation with the Evangelian Board of Christian Education.

ACCREDITATION

Coe College is a charter member of the National Commission on Accrediting and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The college also holds a membership in the Association of American Colleges, American Council of Education, Presbyterian College Union, National Conference of Church Related Colleges, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and Mid-Western Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

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DEPARTMENTS

Division of Fine Arts
Division of Language and Literature
Division of Philosophy, Psychology, Education and Religion
Division of Biological Sciences
Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics
Division of Social Studies
Department of Air Science and Tactics

ROLL CALL

1952-53 - 324 students.

Diplomas

Four years are normally required to fulfill the requirements for the two degrees offered: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), and Bachelor of Music (B.M.).

COMMENCEMENT

The 1952 commencement exercises are scheduled for Sunday, June 13, at 2:30 P.M.

HONORABLE GRADUATES

In the 1952 Commencement Exercises on June 13, 1952, the following degrees were awarded:

- B.S. in Science - Dr. Marvin D. Appling, Chairman
- B.S. in Mathematics - Neil William Rees, Chairman
Harrison Ray Anderson
- B.S. in Divinity - William Blakeman Lang
- B.S. in Law - Virgil Melvin Rancher
Carlos D. Romulo

The offices of the Omaha Office are negative as to derogatory information regarding the President and members of the Board of Trustees of Coe College.

COPY - 1/1
TO : Mr. Tolson
FROM : L. B. Nichols
SUBJECT:

DATE: FEB. 1., 1954

C. A. Tolson

Jack Wilson, of Look Magazine, advised Mr. McGuire that the piece he wrote some weeks ago on Mr. Tolson, Mr. Ladd and myself would appear in next week's issue of Look Magazine, and that since Mr. Ladd is now retiring, Wilson had in mind doing a short newspaper piece rather than a magazine piece for the Minnesota papers on Lee Boardman as Mr. Ladd's successor. Wilson stated that all he would need would be a short paragraph of biographical data for a news item.

I see no objection in this and unless instructed to the contrary, I will furnish this to Wilson.

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Jones

JJM:arm

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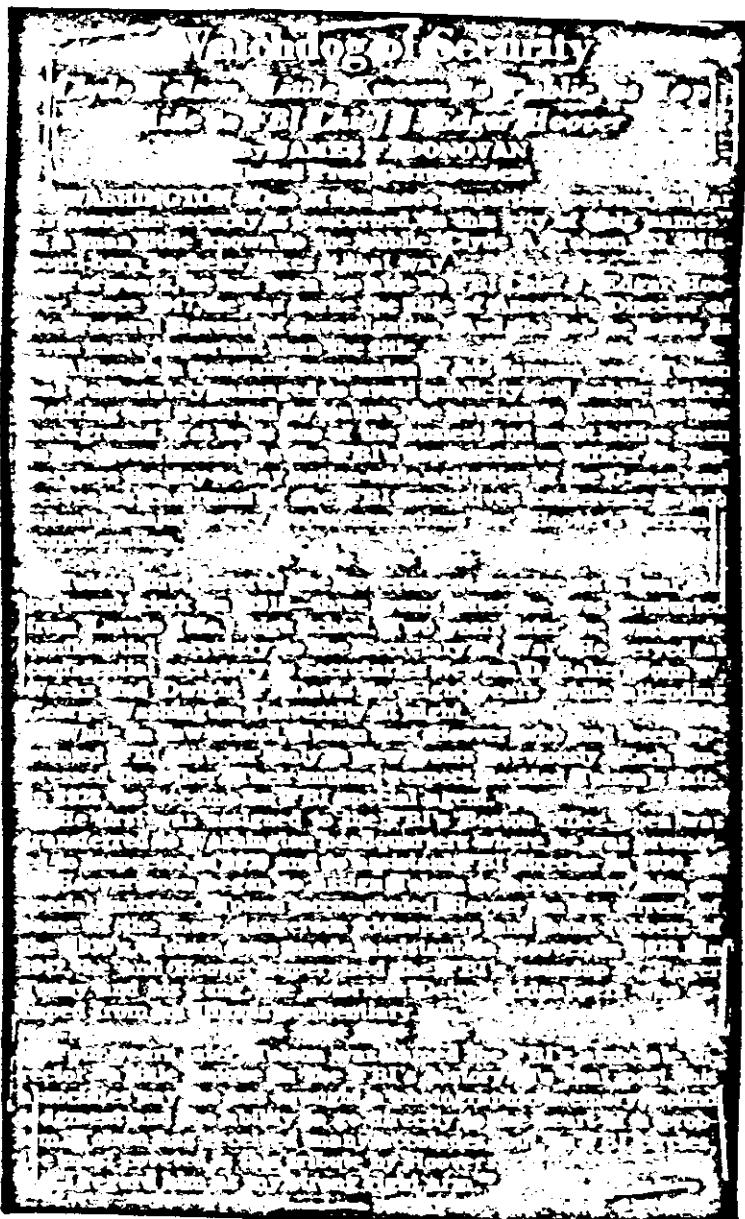
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Mr. Tolson

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Clyde A. Tolson

Honolulu Advertiser
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

November 4, 1953

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent, of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent. I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MCNEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name ESTATE Relationship _____ Date 11/4/53

Address _____

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name ESTATE Relationship _____ Date 11/4/53

Address _____

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Very truly yours,
Spec. ceyde a. Tolson
Special Agent

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT:

DATE: September 8, 1953

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C. A. Tolson

Attached is material on Mr. Tolson which you might desire to give to James Donovan of United Press.

Attachment *sent and separately*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: Sept. 14, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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With regard to the material on Mr. Tolson which was requested by James Donovan of the United Press, the plan we had was to submit the background material as reflected on the attached yellow of Mr. Jones' memorandum to me dated September 8, to Donovan after its approval by your office. This material was sent through to Mr. Tolson and was routed by him to your office. The original was furnished to Mr. Donovan today for his background information on its return to this office. Should Donovan have additional inquiries to make or desire to personally see Mr. Tolson, we will then set up an interview with Mr. Tolson at a time mutually agreeable. Donovan indicated, however, that he felt he had sufficient material on which to predicate a good profile.

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Office Memo • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: August 29, 1953

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

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C. A. Tolson

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James Donovan of the United Press, who covers the building here, has talked to both Mr. McGuire and me about a feature story on Mr. Tolson. In checking the United Press morgue, Donovan found nothing pertaining to Mr. Tolson's personal background and career in the Bureau, and he would like to do such a story for a weekend piece for the United Press and then to utilize it for a magazine article, possibly for a publication like Coronet. Donovan was wondering if there is any possibility of getting background data and he would also like to interview Mr. Tolson to secure such information as he could which would make a good story. He would like personal details regarding Mr. Tolson's background, his activities in the Bureau, etc. I told Donovan that I thought this was an excellent idea and we would see what could be worked out in the next few days.

It would be my recommendation that Mr. Tolson see Mr. Donovan and help him out as much as possible.

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This I will not do.
It would merely develop into another Expose type of smear article

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I want this done. It won't be another smear article if properly handled.

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TO: Mr. Nichols
 FROM: M. A. Jones
 SUBJECT: "THE INVESTIGATOR"

September 29, 1953

Clyde A. Tolson

The Director has suggested that the feature story by the United Press concerning Associate Director Clyde A. Tolson and based on data furnished in a release to the United Press in Washington, D. C., be reprinted in "The Investigator."

The November, 1953, issue of "The Investigator" is presently in the make-up stage in the Exhibits Section and this particular item will be reprinted for publication in this November, 1953, issue.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: Sept. 23, 1953

O
CLYDE A. TOLSON

Mr. James Donovan, of the United Press, stopped by tonight and left the attached copy of an article he has written regarding you.

You recall the Director approved us furnishing background material to Donovan for this purpose. Donovan asked for a glossy photograph of you. The article is very favorable and with your approval, we will furnish Donovan with a glossy photograph of your official Bureau photograph.

Attachment

cc: Mr. Jones

JJM:arm

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Washington, Sept. --(UP)--Ask any schoolboy in America the name of the head of the FBI, and he'll snap back with the answer: J. Edgar Hoover. Everybody knows that.

But ask the same schoolboy--or even some of the most notorious know-it-alls and name-droppers around Washington--the name of the Number 2 G-man, and you're likely to draw the blank look. And the man in question likes it that way.

He is clyde a. tolson, a 53-year-old, Missouri-born bachelor who has been Hoover's top aide for years. Since 1947, he has borne the title of Associate Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Although a constant companion of his famous boss, Tolson has deliberately managed to avoid publicity and public notice. Retiring and reserved by nature, he prefers to remain in the background.

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ENCLOSURE

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And yet, he is one of the busiest and most active men in the government. As the FBI's top executive, he supervises the day-to-day nation-wide activities of the G-men and serves as chairman of the FBI executives conference which submits major policy recommendations for Hoover's personal consideration.

Tolson was born near Laredo, Mo., on May 22, 1900. He attended Laredo public schools and graduated from Laredo High School in 1915. In high-school, he played first base and pitched for the baseball team, and threw the javelin and sprinted on the track team.

After graduation from High School, Tolson attended business college in Cedar Rapids, Ia. In 1918, he obtained a job as clerk in the office of the Chief of Staff in the War Department here. Two years later, he was made confidential secretary to the Secretary of War.

Tolson served as confidential secretary to Secretaries Newton D. Baker, John W. Weeks and Dwight F. Davis for eight years while attending George Washington University at night. He received his A. B. in 1925 and his LL. B. in 1927.

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While in Law School, Tolson met Hoover who had been appointed FBI director only a few years previously. Each impressed the other, and their mutual respect decided Tolson's fate. In 1928, he became an FBI special agent.

Tolson's rise in the FBI was meteoric. He was first assigned to the FBI's Boston office, but ^{Charl. E. Neff} ~~within two years~~, he was transferred to Washington headquarters where he was promoted to Inspector in 1929 and to Assistant FBI Director in 1930.

Hoover soon began to assign Tolson to accompany him on special missions, and he was at Hoover's side when the FBI chief personally arrested the notorious Public enemy and bandit, Alvin Karpis, in New Orleans in May, 1936.

Tolson also accompanied Hoover on his arrest of some of the most dangerous kidnappers and bank-robbers of the 1930's, including Harry Campbell, as associate of Karpis; John Henry Seadlund, the kidnapper of Charles S. Ross of Chicago; and Bank Robber Harry Brunette.

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Tolson was made the Assistant to Hoover in 1938, and, in that capacity, he and Hoover personally supervised in 1942 the FBI's round-up of Roger Touhy and his gang, the notorious Detroit kidnappers who escaped from an Illinois Penitentiary in 1942. Hoover personally commended him for his courage on that case.

Four years after the Touhy arrests, Tolson was named the FBI's Associate Director--a title unique in the FBI's history. To that post, his associates say, he has brought a photographic memory, sound judgment and the ability to go directly to the heart of a problem.

In his private life, Tolson is a rabid sports fan. He has retained his high school love for baseball and he enjoys boxing and horse-racing. He keeps himself trim and is regarded as a neat, conservative dresser.

Tolson has received many accolades in his life, including the Alumni Achievement Award of George Washington University, but, in FBI circles, the most highly regarded is this one-sentence summation of him by Hoover:

"I regard him as my strong right arm."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: CLYDE A. TOLSON

Where Assigned: _____
(Division) _____
(Section, Unit) _____

Payroll Title: ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Rating Period: from 4/1/52 to 3/31/53

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY Employee's Initials
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory ✓

Rated by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR 3/31/53
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: John Hoover Title Date
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Rating approved by: John Hoover Title Date
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April 22, 1953

O
Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

I thought you might like to have the attached memento commemorating your twenty-fifth anniversary with the FBI.

It is extremely attractive, and I know it will prove to be a source of great pleasure in the years to come.

Sincerely,

J. C. H.

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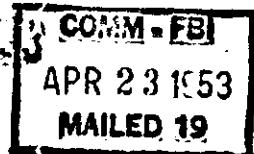
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Walter Winchell

MY FAVORITE handsome G-Man crush (Clyde Tolson) celebrates his 25th year with the FBI as John Edgar's right-hander on April 2.

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April 2, 1953

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

Twenty-five years ago today you entered on duty with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In acknowledgement of this anniversary, I am greatly pleased and honored to extend my warmest personal congratulations, and to present to you on behalf of the Bureau your Twenty-five-Year Service Award Key. I know it would not be possible for me as an individual nor the FBI as an organization to make an accurate estimate of the value of your services over these years, but I do hope you will receive this Key as a symbol of our gratitude and pride which arise from the fact that you have contributed your unusual talents toward the growth and progress of this organization.

It is sometimes customary to offer congratulations "for a job well done." In your case this is not enough. I would face the future tasks to be met with far less assurance if I did not believe that your wise and steady influence would be present to help meet such problems. Your faculty for concise, direct and intelligent action has consistently enabled the Bureau to discharge its many and complex obligations with greater dispatch. In this ever-expanding period of the Bureau's responsibilities, it is a great source of satisfaction to know that your many talents and wealth of experience are near at hand.

The loyalty, faithfulness and intelligence which have accompanied your period of duty serve as a living reminder of the quality of your service. Your complete devotion to duty stands and will continue to stand as an inspiration for us all. I can only hope that this Bureau and our nation will continue to benefit from your unselfish devotion to duty in the years ahead.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards,

E. J. Tamm, personally presented by
R. E. Lester, /D/

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

WSH:jmw

DEPT FROM D. C.
TIME 8:45 AM.
DATE 4-2-53
BY W.H.C.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: March 3, 1953

TO : Mr. Nichols
FROM : M. A. Jones
SUBJECT: ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR TOLSON'S
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
INVESTIGATOR

Mr. Tolson will have his anniversary on
April 2, 1953.

We would like to carry the attached write-up
on the inside front cover.

We would appreciate, of course, Mr. Tolson's
not seeing the write-up. We plan to use his official
picture, a copy of which is attached.

Attachments (2)

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